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Freedom of Information Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10

Via online form submission

Re: Freedom of Information Act request for Records Pertaining to Releases of Wastes from Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Production, and Disposal Facilities

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 551 et seq., I am writing on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) to request records held by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Specifically, EIP seeks records concerning:

Documented releases of wastes from oil and gas exploration, development, and production ("E&P wastes") into the environment.

Such releases of E&P wastes may be from oil and gas exploration, development, and production sites (such as well pads, impoundments, and storage tanks) or disposal facilities and practices (such as solid waste landfills, on-site burial, underground injection wells, wastewater disposal facilities, road spreading, and land application). EIP limits its request to records produced or otherwise acquired by EPA since January 1, 2005.

Please include in your response an explanation of which records, if any, may be privileged or exempt from this FOIA request and why. If you claim that the records should not be disclosed, please justify your refusal by referring to the specific exemption that you are invoking under FOIA. Also, please provide those portions of documents with information requested that are not specifically exempted from disclosure.

Additionally, I have included a request for a fee waiver as an attachment. If you determine not to grant a fee waiver and the costs of completing this FOIA request will exceed \$500.00, please contact me at your earliest convenience with the estimated costs of completion.

Thank you for your assistance with this request, and I look forward to hearing from you. If I can provide any additional information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 263-4451 or akron@environmentalintegrity.org.

Sincerely,

Adam Kron Attorney

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Attachment